



**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., October 22, 2003**  
**1255 Imperial Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Conference Room 436**  
**San Diego, CA 92101**

**Members Present:**

Bob Barrios  
Bob Crouch  
David Gomez  
Anthony Manoguerra  
Carolyn Powers  
Jerry Spahn  
Bob Shuster  
Malcom Vinji

**Members Absent:**

Michael Chee (excused)  
Richard Gersberg (excused)  
Rich Haas excused)  
Ed Heidig (excused)  
Ruth Heifetz (excused)  
Richard Leap (excused)  
Dan Elkerton (excused)

**Others Present:**

Gary Erbeck  
Mark McPherson  
Jack Miller  
Mike Dorsey  
Liz Quaranta  
Fran Sjoberg  
Julie Ellery

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bob Shuster called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No members of the public addressed the Board.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the September 24, 2003 meeting.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None.

**V. REPORT FROM THE EHAB CHAIR**

None.

**VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

- **Policy Issues**

Gary Erbeck outlined the County's Strategic Plan. He explained that the three Strategic Initiatives were: Kids; The Environment; and Safe and Livable Communities.

- **Initiatives**

The County has established a workplace safety program to help reduce on the job injuries. The Departments of Human Resources, Risk Management department, and Environmental Health, Occupational Health program, are working together to assist departments implement the *Work Safe/Stay Healthy program*.

- **Fiscal**

*Radiological Health Program* - Is funded by the State of California, and San Diego County is one of only two counties (Los Angeles County is the other) that still provide inspections. The Hazardous Materials Division is proposing a legislative concept to transfer authority for Radioactive Material Licensees and Radiation Machine Registrants per the Radiation Control Law currently held by the California Department of Health Services (DHS) Radiologic Health Branch (RHB). The proposal would have licensees and registrants pay their fees to the County of San Diego, and the County of San Diego would obtain funding directly through the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for mammography inspections and activities.

Occupational Health Program - The Occupational Health program provides health and safety protection for County workers and is funded through internal County sources. Examples of activities include: asbestos and lead surveillance, ergonomics training, indoor air quality monitoring and safety training.

- **County Updates**

Bill Kelly, the County's Chief Financial Officer, has announced his retirement.

## **VII. DIVISION REPORTS**

Community Health Division - Jack Miller, Chief of Community Health Division, gave a presentation on the West Nile Virus Strategic Response Plan. He also discussed program issues, legislation and performance measures.

Land and Water Quality Division – Mark McPherson, Chief of Land and Water Quality Division, discussed policy issues regarding Site Assessment and Mitigation Monitoring Wells, approval from external stakeholders on monitoring well fee adjustments, including maintenance fee, recycled water in San Diego County, and reduction of Land Use project processing review time.

Food and Housing Division – Liz Quaranta, Chief of Food and Housing, discussed long-range goals regarding foodborne illness caused by key pathogens and the reduction of risk factor violations. FHD staff is working jointly with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a pilot project. The project is a model risk management system for public swimming pools and is modeled after the Hazardous Analysis Critical Control Point system for food safety. The project is currently being piloted in San Diego, Wyoming, and Atlanta.

Hazardous Materials Division – Mike Dorsey, Chief of Hazardous Material Division, discussed program plans, which included a new set of performance measures designed to determine the effectiveness of HMD's programs in protecting the public health and environment. In Fiscal Year 2002-2003, five new process improvement teams were established:

- 1) Business Community Working Group
- 2) Fee Analysis Work Team
- 3) Hazardous Waste Tank Workgroup
- 4) Hazardous Materials Business Plan Process Improvement Team
- 5) Environmental Health Specialist II Team

HMD is committed to improving outreach to communities, and implementing new programs, such as: identifying plating shops within mixed-use zoning and make them a priority for education, compliance and enforcement; revise and test DEH's Disaster Preparedness Plan; and implement the San Diego Regional Green Business Program.

## **VIII. EHAB SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Subcommittee members will be involved with three performance measures:

- 1) Identify three non-compliant underground storage tanks (USTs) per site.
- 2) Develop subcommittee work groups.
- 3) Establish Process Improvement Teams:
  - a. Hazardous Waste Tank Workgroups
  - b. Hazardous Materials Business Plan
  - c. Customer Service Training

## **IX. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting:  
December 3, 2003  
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
1255 Imperial Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - Conference Room 436  
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